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In re Application of  
John Innis  
Application No. 10/047,271  
Filed: January 15, 2002  
Attorney Docket No. 8276-85048

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the Petition to Accord Original Filing Date to Subject Application, filed April 9, 2003, requesting the above-identified application be accorded the filing date of January 15, 2002, instead of the present filing date of March 12, 2002.

As previously stated in the Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional Application (hereinafter "Notice") of February 25, 2002, the above-identified application had been accorded a filing date of January 15, 2002. The record supports applicants' assertion that the United States Patent and Trademark Office erroneously changed the application filing date to March 12, 2002, the date Applicants' filed Figure 3. The Office sincerely apologizes for the error.

Accordingly, the petition is granted.

**The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to January 15, 2002, and the mailing of a corrected filing receipt.**

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